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A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) The Government will consider the suggestion.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—"Will the hon. the Law Member favourably consider the claims of the co-operative societies?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I have stated already that the Government will consider the suggestion. Favourably or unfavourably I am not in a position to say now."

Compassionate grants to the family of Mr. Ponnayya.

* 1293 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with reference to the answers to question No. 623 answered on 26th November 1928—

(*a*) what the service of Ranger Ponnayya was on the date on which the death took place ;

(*b*) whether the Government have considered the peculiar plight of the bereaved family ; and

(*c*) whether they have made or propose to make a compassionate grant to the wife of the deceased?

A.—(*a*) The service of Ranger B. Ponnayya on the date of his death was 18 years and 18 days.
(*b*) & (*c*) No application for compassionate gratuity has been received.

Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan :—"If any application for compassionate grant is received, will he consider it favourably?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I cannot say."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"Favourably or not, Sir, will he at least consider it?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"Oh, yes ; certainly."

Alleged refusal of food supplies to the Forest officers of Sirugudi village.

* 1294 *Q.*—Mr. K. P. V. S. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the inhabitants of about thirty or forty villages of Melur taluk, Madura district, organized themselves into a sangam under the leadership of one Mr. Ranganatha Pillai, residing at Urilipatti, Melur taluk, Madura district, and refused food supplies to the Forest officers of Sirugudi village in the above taluk as they were prevented from hunting in the reserve forests near that village ;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that upon this the District Forest authorities reported the suffering of these officers to the District Collector, Madura, and requested him to investigate into the affair ;

(*c*) what action was taken by the Collector thereon and how the leader of the above sangam, Mr. Ranganatha Pillai, was dealt with ; and

(*d*) if the Government have no information, whether they will call for a report and place it on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) to (*d*) The Government have no information but have called for it.